

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-23, and 25 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-7, 11-17, and 21-23 have been rejected.

Claims 9, 10, 19, 20, and 25 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 21 have been amended as shown above.

Claims 9, 19, and 25 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-7, 10-17, and 20-23 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-7, 10-17, and 20-23 are respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 9, 10, 19, 20, and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the elements of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

The Applicants have amended Claims 1, 11, and 21 to incorporate the elements of Claims 9, 19, and 25, respectively. Because of this, Claims 1, 11, and 21 are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1-7, 10-17, and 20-23.

II. **CONCLUSION**

The Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request full allowance of the claims.

SUMMARY

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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